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*And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because
ye know not the Scripture, neither the power of God, Mark 12. 24.*

*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on
Christ: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free,
there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus, Gal.
3. 27, 28.*

*Jesus answered and said, My Doctrine is not mine, but his that sent
me; if any man will do his Will, he shall know of the Doctrine whether it
be of God, or whether I speak of my self, John 7. 16, 17.*

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A Woman forbidden to speak in the CHURCH.

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But the Spirit of Truth may declare through the Temple, and dwell in it, which the World cannot receive, 1 Cor. 6. 19. John 14. 16, 17.

THe Church is in God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as Paul and Silvanus writ to the Thessalonians, 1 Thes. 1. 1. and it is made all of living stones elect & pretious, 1 Pet. 2. 5. and the Saints, their bodies are made fit Temples for the Holy Ghost to dwell in, 2 Cor. 6. 16. and they are made a fit Habitation for God through the Spirit, being builded upon the Foundations of the prophets, and the Apostles of the Lord Jesus, in whom all the building fitly framed groweth unto an holy Temple in the Lord, Ephes. 3. 20, 21, 22. and in this Church are all taught of God, as it is written in the Prophets, Isa. 54. 13, 14. & Jer. 31. 33, 34. and likewise in Heb. 8. 10, 11. and saith Jesus Christ in John 14. I will pray the Father, & he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him, but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, & shall be in you, v. 16, 17. now nothing is to speak in this Church which is spiritual, but that which is spiritual, even the

the Holy Ghost, which is invisible and incomprehensible; the Woman or wisdom of the Flesh is forbidden to speak in the Church, that is, of the things of God, for that which is flesh is flesh, and the natural man knows not the things of God, they are foolishness to him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned, 1 Cor. 2. 4. and so the carnal minded man he saith, that a Woman (or the female kind) ought not to speak in the Church: now the first birth either in man or woman, hath nothing to do to speak in the Church, (the carnal part) for it knows not the things of God, and every man by nature is a child of wrath, and he is forbidden to speak with his carnal wisdom, which he gathered out of Books and Studies, for that nature is adulterated from God, and nothing must speak in the Church in God, but the Holy Ghost, and that may speak in the Temple, either in male or female, nothing must speak in the Church but the Spirit of Truth, whom the world and carnal minded ones know not, God is a Spirit, and they that know him, know him to be so, and none know him but they that are spiritual, for saith *Jesus Christ*, *Except ye be born again ye cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven*, John 3, and that which is flesh is flesh, and that knoweth not the things of God neither in male nor female, but is adulterated from God, but that which is Spirit is Spirit, and is born of God either in male or female, that knoweth him, and that is permitted to speak in the Temple, and none can call *Jesus* Lord but the Holy Ghost, 1 Cor. 12. 3. and the manifestation of the Spirit is given to profit withal, Ver. 7. and the Spirit of the Lord was made manifest through the Female kind, as Women in former Ages, and it was profitable; for *Deborah* she had the manifestation of the Spirit of God ruling in her, by which she, or the Lord in her, did administer Justice to the *Israelites*, which were the Church, and People of God, and she was a Judge amongst them, and judged *Israel*, *Judges* 4. 4. and she Prophesied to *Barak*; that at the River *Kishon* the Lord would deliver *Sisera* the Captain of *Iabins* Army into his hand; See the noble acts that the Lord did by the Prophetess his Servant *Deborah*, read *Judges* 4. 5. Chapters, and the Lord hath said, he will pour out his Spirit upon all Flesh, and their Sons and Daughters shall Prophecie, *Joel* 2. 28. he doth not say, that Flesh shall prophecie neither in Sons nor Daughters, that is forbidden; Let all Flesh be silent both in Sons and Daughters, and let the Spirit speak, for that is permitted

either in Son or Daughter: it is the Spirit that Prophesies, and foretels of the things of God, and the manifestation of the Spirit is given to profit withall in a Daughter as well as in a Son, that God may speak where he doth dwell in his Temple. Let all carnal Wisdom in Male as well as in Female keep silence, for that is not permitted to speak, it is adulterated from God, and the natural man knows not the things of God, and he that is joyned to an Harlot is one body, 1 Cor. 6. 16. and that must be judged and cast out by the Spirit of Truth, and judgement being brought forth into Victory, let the Truth declare it self, but let all Flesh be silent till the Spirit be poured out either in Son or Daughter, for all the Wisdom of the World it knoweth not God, who is a Spirit, and he chuseth the weak things of this world to confound the things which are mighty, 1 Cor. 1. 27: 28: 29. and the Woman is counted the weaker Vessel, but the Lord filling that Vessel full of his Wisdom, and ruling it by his holy Spirit, he dwelling in his Temple, and declaring himself through it by his Son *Iesus Christ*, it is for the praise of the glory of his Grace, that no *Flesh might glory in his sight*, for that must be trodden under foot, fleshly Wisdom, and carnal Reason both in Male and Female, that the Lord may be all in all in the Creature, making them fit Temples for his holy Spirit to dwell in, 1 Cor. 3. 16. That he may speak in his Temple, in the Female as well as the Male.

The Body it is but the Temple, it is the Man-child *Christ Iesus*, where he is born up into the understanding that is to declare the Fathers will, and that is permitted to speak, the Spirit of Truth which the world cannot receive, *Ioh. 14 16: 17, 26.* but not carnal Wisdom, and fleshly imaginations, which is out of Covenant with God, and must be burnt up by the Spirit of Truth, before the Temple be fitted and prepared for the Masters use, for nothing must speak in the Church but the Spirit of the Living God, let all Flesh keep Silence, that is not permitted to speak in any, and *Paul* he was made a Minister, not by the will of Man, but by the will of God, *who revealed his Son in him, Gal. 1 8.* and your Daughters shall prophesie, *Acts 2. 17, 18.* And there was one man which had four Daughters which were Virgins, and they did Prophecie, *Acts 21. 8: 9.* and he saith, *all may Prophecie one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted, and the Spirits of the Prophets are subject to the Prophets, 1 Cor. 14. 30: 31.* it is the Spirit that is to Prophecie, and 'tis the Spirit that is to speak

speak in the Church, and where the Spirit is made manifest it is profitable to others, & none can call *Iesus* Lord, but by the Holy Ghost, and where he saith, *Let your Women keep silence in the Church &c.* for he saith, *it is a shame for Women to speak in the Church*, but he doth not say, let the Spirit of God keep silence in the Temple, but that may declare where it is manifested, either in Male or Female, and then it is the Man Christ that speaks in them, for great is the Mystery of Godliness, *Christ in you the hope of glory*, Col. 1. 27. and his sheep they hear his Voice: If any man hath an ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit saith; for saith the Lord by the Holy Ghost, *Let no men deceive you, for if any man among you, seem to be wise in this World, let him become a fool that he may be made wise, for the Wisdom of this world is foolishness with God*, for it is written, *he taketh the wise in their own craftiness, and the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise that they are vain*, 1 Cor. 3. 18, 19, 20. man by his carnal wisdom is sottish in the things of God, that he would compare spiritual things with carnal things, because his wisdom and understanding is altogether carnal, *to be carnally minded is death*, Rom. 8. 6. but the Holy Ghost teacheth to compare spiritual things with spiritual things, because they are spiritually discerned, and the natural man knows them not, for they are foolishness unto him, 1 Cor. 2. 11: 12: 13: 14.

Now the Scriptures were not spoke forth by the will of man, nor by the carnal mind, and fallen wisdom, if they had the carnal mind could have understood them, but as they was spoken forth by the Holy Ghost, which the carnal mind or fallen wisdom knows not; therefore the Scriptures are a Mystery to the first nature in man, and he reads, but doth not understand, for the life of them is hid from his carnal mind, and so he argues from them carnally, but he can deceive none now but blind men, and Fools like himself, for a wise mans Eyes are in his Head, his Light is in Christ, and he seeth that the Scriptures need not an Orthodox Key, for Holy men of God as they were moved they spoke them forth by the Holy Ghost, 2 Pet. 1. 19: 20: 21. and where that is made manifest again it reads them plainly, but till then they read they know not what, as the worldly Wise men, and Sir *Simons* do now, that gets pearking up into a high place, such as the Pharisees used, who were Enemies to *Iesus Christ* then, as they are now, and they are called of men Masters as they were, and without money will they do nothing: but now the Key of *Da-vid*

id is found again, and it is turn'd about freely to unfold the Myſte-
 ry that hath been hid, and revealeth the Myſtery both to Sons and
 Daughters, according to the promiſe of the Lord, ſo that the Wo-
 man *Jezabel*, that hath ſo long born Rule in the Synagouge of Sa-
 than, where *Simon Magnus* did rule, that ſold the Letter for money,
 will not now be permitted to ſpeak in the Church, but caſt out, for
 the wiſdom of the Fleſh muſt not be ſuffered to uſurp authority over
 the Man-child, the Spirit of Truth, for he will rule, and all DEVI-
 NERS will be MAD, *Iſa.* 44. 24, 25. ſuch as ye proud Priests are,
 that ſell the Letter without the Spirit, and ſpeak Divinations of
 their own Brains, and not from the mouth of the Lord, and ſuch
 muſt now be ſtopped, and not permitted to ſpeak in the Church, nor
 of the things of God, by their carnal wiſdom, which is fooliſhneſs
 with God, and their ſtudied out Knowledge which is adulterated
 from God, and leads them a whoring after their own inventions,
 forſaking the Fountain of living mercies to delight in lying vanities,
 but now they muſt come under the Law, and be ſeverely puniſhed,
 and their mouths will be ſtopped by the Truth; for it is written, *Thou*
ſhalt not muzzle the mouth of the Ox that treadeth out the Corn; and I
will have mercy and not ſacrifice: go to the School of Chriſt to learn
 what that meaneth, and then you will know what the Apoſtle ſaith
 in that place of Scripture; when you are come through the fire, to
 have your own works, and Wiſdom, and ſtudied out Arts burned,
 1 *Cor.* 2. 13: 14: 15: 16. that you may know the ſame mind ruling in
 the Temple that was in Chriſt, that nothing may be done through
 ſtrife or vain-glory, but in lowlineſs of mind, each one eſteeming
 other better than themſelves, and being of one accord, and one mind,
 as they were that ſpoke forth the Scriptures, *Phil.* 8. 1: 2: 3: 4: 5: 6: to
 the 12. Then will you know what is to be underſtood concerning
 the Womans non-permiſſion, but read on in that place of 1 *Cor.* 14.
 and ſee the following Verſes, where he hath been ſpeaking of the
 Woman, and he ſaith in the 36. Verſe, *What ſaith he, came the Word*
of God out from you, or came it unto you onely? for ſaith he, *If any man*
think himſelf to be a Prophet or ſpiritual, let him acknowledge that the
things that I write unto you are the commands of the Lord; but if any
man be ignorant, let him be ignorant, 1 *Cor.* 14. 36: 37: 38. but he doth
 exhort to propheſie, and ſaith *ſorbid it not*, but rather *covet* after it, and
 your Daughters they ſhall propheſie as well as Sons, and the Spirits
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manifestation is to profit with all; therefore *forbid not to speak with Tongues*, the Tongue of the learned, such as are taught of God, by the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Ghost, which the world cannot receive, and that is to speak in the Temple, and in the Church, for else *Paul* would not have commended *Phebe* to have been a Minister, or Servant to the Church, *Rom. 16. 1.* if he had forbidden the Spirit of Truth for being declared through Women in the Church: but are ye not yet carnal, and it is carnality which is forbidden to intermingle with spirituality; for *Paul* writ to the Romans to receive *Phebe*, which was a Servant or Minister to the Church at *Cenerea*, and not onely to receive her, but to receive her in the Lord, and to assist her in whatsoever business she had need of, *Rom. 16. 3.* and he writ to them also to greet *Priscilla*, and *Aquila*; and see what he saith more in 3: 4: 5. Verses, and saith he, Greet *Mary*, who bestowed much labour on us, *Rom. 16. 6.* and saith he, Salute *Tryphena*, and *Tryphosa*, who labour in the Lord, and salute *Rufus* chosen in the Lord, and his Mother, and mine; and many are called but few chosen, as these, *Rom. 16. 13.* Salute *Philologus*, and *Julia*, *Nereus* and his Sister, and *Olympas*, and all the Saints that are with them, Salute one another with an holy kiss, the Churches of Christ salute you, *Rom. 16. 15-16.*

And Again saith *Paul* to the Brethren, Help those Women that laboured with me in the Gospel, with *Clement* also, and with other my fellow labourers, whose Names are in the Book of life, *Phil. 4. 1: 2: 3.* Here is not Women forbidden to speak in the Church where the Spirit of Christ was manifest to rule, but they are saluted with an holy kiss faithful women in the Lord, and Woman-labourers in the Gospel, and they are to be received in the Lord, and to be assisted, &c. But saith he, Mark them which cause divisions, and offences contrary to the Doctrine of Christ, which ye have learned, and avoid them, for they that are such serve not our Lord *Jesus Christ*, but their own bellies, as the Priests of the World do now in this generation, who by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple, *Rom. 16. 17, 18.* Now such as these that serve themselves, and their bellies, and seeks for great Benefits, and teach for Tithes, Bribes, Augmentations, Gifts and Rewards, as the Priests do, contrary to the practice of the Saints, and speaks by their own wisdom, and not from the mouth of the Lord, they cause divisions and dissensions, and they are to be marked, and to be cast out, and not to speak in the Church, nor of spiritual

Tryphena and *Tryphosa* a delicious two godly Women, & beloved of the Lord: who laboured with *Paul* in the Gospel, and *Persis* a faithful woman, who laboured much in the Lord with *Paul* in the Gospel, *Rom. 6. 12.*

spiritual things, by their carnal reason, therefore take counsel, and hold them not up, the Lord is against them.

But to *Aquila* and *Priscilla* salute me, and to the Church that is in their House, 1 *Cor.* 16. 19 and let her speak by the Spirit of the Lord the things of God made manifest unto her, for if she be not permitted to speak in the Church, and the Church be in her house, she must not speak, but go out of her house; but the Spirit of Truth is permitted to speak in any, where it is made manifest, the manifestation of the Spirit being given to profit withal, 1 *Cor.* 12 and every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning, for of his own will begat he us with the word of Truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures, *1am.* 1. 17:18. that we may be to the praise of the glory of his grace, who calleth us out of darkness into his marvellous light, and maketh us sit together with Christ Jesus in heavenly places, *Eph.* 2. 4:5:6. To him alone be praise, honor and glory, who is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords; therefore let God arise, and let his Enemies be scattered abroad, for he will make his People a willing people now in the day of his power, to worship him in Spirit, and to serve him both day, and eke each hour. Amen.

Hallelujah to the Highest, the Lord God omnipotent reigneth; Let all that love the Lord, bless the Lord, praise him, and magnifie him for ever.

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